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- Being in possession of the town, they had their *handful* to defend themselves from firing. *Raleigh's Apology.*
- He could not, with such a *handful* of men, and without cannon, propose reasonably to fight a battle. *Clarendon.*
- HAND-GALLOP.** *n. f.* A flow easy gallop, in which the hand presses the bridle to hinder increase of speed.
- Ovid, with all his sweetness, has as little variety of numbers and found as he: he is always upon a *hand-gallop*, and his verse runs upon carpet ground. *Dryden.*
- HAND-GUN.** *n. f.* A gun wielded by the hand.
- They have names given them, some from serpents or ravenous birds, as culverines or colubines; others in other respects, as cannons, demicannons, *handguns* and muskets. *Camd.*
- HANDICRAFT.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *craft*.] Manual occupation; work performed by the hand.
- The nurseries for children of ordinary gentlemen and handicrafts are managed after the same manner. *Gulliver's Trav.*
- The cov'nants thou shalt teach by candle-light,
When puffing smiths, and ev'ry painful trade
Of handicrafts, in peaceful beds are laid. *Dryden's Juvenal.*
- Particular members of convents have excellent mechanical genius, and divert themselves with painting, sculpture, architecture, gardening, and several kinds of handicrafts. *Addison.*
- HANDICRAFTSMAN.** *n. f.* [*handicraft* and *man*.] A manufacturer; one employed in manual occupation.
- O miserable age! virtue is not regarded in handicraftsmen. *Shakespeare's Henry VI. p. ii.*
- He has simply the best wit of any handicraftsman in Athens. *Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.*
- The principal bulk of the vulgar natives are tillers of the ground, free servants, and handicraftsmen; as smiths, masons, traders, servants, and the like, are to a degree very hard to be imagined greater. *Bacon, Essay 30.*
- The profaneness and ignorance of handicraftsmen, small traders, servants, and the like, are to a degree very hard to be imagined greater. *Swift.*
- It is the landed man that maintains the merchant and shopkeeper, and handicraftsmen. *Swift.*
- HANDLEY.** *adv.* [*from handy*.] With skill; with dexterity.
- HANDINESS.** *n. f.* [*from handy*.] Readiness; dexterity.
- HANDWORK.** *n. f.* [*handy* and *work*.] Work of the hand; product of labour; manufacture.
- In general they are not repugnant unto the natural will of God, which willeth to the works of his own hands, in that they are his own *handwork*, all happiness; although perhaps, for some special cause in our own particular, a contrary determination have seemed more convenient. *Hooker, b. v.*
- As proper men as ever trod upon neat-leather have gone upon my *handwork*. *Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.*
- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his *handwork*. *Pf. xix. 1.*
- He parted with the greatest blessing of human nature for the *handwork* of a tailor. *LeStrange.*
- HANDKERCHIEF.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *kerchief*.] A piece of silk or linen used to wipe the face, or cover the neck.
- She found her sitting in a chair, in one hand holding a letter, in the other her *handkerchief*, which had lately drunk up the tears of her eyes. *Sidney, b. ii.*
- He was torn to pieces with a bear: this avouches the shepherd's son, who has not only his innocence, but a *handkerchief* and rings of his, that Paulina knows. *Shak. Winter's Tale.*
- They did not make use of *handkerchiefs*, but of the lacinia or border of the garment, to wipe their face. *Arbutnot.*
- TO HANDLE.** *v. a.* [*handelen*, Dutch, *from hand*.]
1. To touch; to feel with the hand.
 2. To manage; to wield.
 3. To make familiar to the hand by frequent touching.
- An incurable shyness is the general vice of the Irish horses, and is hardly ever seen in Flanders, because the hardness of the Winters forces the breeders there to handle and handle their colts six months every year. *Temple.*
- TO TREAT IN DISCOURSE.**
- He left nothing fitting for the purpose
Untouch'd, or slightly *handled* in discourse. *Shakel. R. III.*
- I tell thee, I am mad
Pour'd in the open ulcer of my heart
Her eyes, her hair, her cheek, her gait, her voice,
Thou *handlest* in thy discourse. *Shakel. Troilus and Cressida.*
- Leaving to the author the exact *handling* of every particular, and labouring to follow the rules of abridgment. *2 Mac.*
- Of a number of other like instances we shall speak more, when we handle the communication of founts. *Bacon.*
- By Guido Ubaldus, in his treatise, for the explication of this instrument, the subtleties of it are largely and excellently *handled*. *Wilkins's Decadus.*
- In an argument, *handled* thus briefly, every thing cannot be said. *Atterbury's Sermons, Preface.*
- TO DEAL WITH; TO PRACTISE.**

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- They that *handle* the law know me not. *Jer. ii. 8.*
- TO TREAT WELL OR ILL.**
- Talbot, my life, my joy, again return'd!
How wert thou *handled*, being prisoner? *Shak. Henry VI.*
- They were well enough pleased to be rid of an enemy that had *handled* them so ill. *Clarendon, b. viii.*
- TO PRACTISE UPON; TO DO WITH.**
- Pray you, my lord, give me leave to question; you shall see how I'll *handle* her. *Shakel. Much. for Measure.*
- HANDLE.** *n. f.* [*handle*, Saxon.]
1. That part of any thing by which it is held in the hand.
 2. That of which use is made.
- Can gripe the sacred *handle* of our sceptre,
Unless he do prophane, steal, or usurp. *Shakel. Rich. II.*
- Fortune turneth the *handle* of the bottle, which is easy to be taken hold of; and after the belly, which is hard to grasp. *Bacon's Organ.*
- There is nothing but hath a double *handle*, or at least we have two hands to apprehend it. *Taylor's Rule of Living.*
- A carpenter, that had got the iron work of an ax, begged only to much wood as would make a *handle* to it. *LeStrange.*
- Of bone the *handles* of my knives are made,
Yet no ill taste from thence affects the blade,
Or what I carve; nor is there ever left
Any unfav'ry haug-gouff from the haft. *Dryden's Juvenal.*
- A beam there was, on which a beechen pail
Hung by the *handle* on a driven nail. *Dryden's Fables.*
- They overturned him in all his interests by the sure but fatal *handle* of his own good nature. *South's Sermons.*
- HANDLESS.** *adj.* [*hand* and *less*.] Without a hand.
- Speak, my Lavinia, what accursed hand
Hath made these *handles*? *Shakel. Titus Andronicus.*
- His mangled Myrmidons,
Noseless, *handless*, hackt and clipt, come to him,
Crying on Hector. *Shakel. Troilus and Cressida.*
- HANDMAID.** *n. f.* A maid that waits at hand.
- Brave Burgundy, undoubted hope of France!
Stay, let thy humble *handmaid* speak to thee. *Sh. Hon. VI.*
- She gave the knight great thanks in little speech,
And said she would his *handmaid* poor remain. *Fairfax.*
- I will never set policies against ethicks, especially for that true ethicks are but as a *handmaid* to divinity and religion. *Bac.*
- Heav'n's youngest teamed star
Hath fix'd her polish'd car,
Her sleeping Lord with *handmaid* lamp attending. *Milton.*
- Love led them on; and faith, who knew them best
Thy *handmaids*, clad them o'er with purple beams
And azure wings, that up they flew to dress,
And speak the truth of thee on glorious themes
Before the judge. *Milton.*
- Those of my family their master slight,
Grown despicable in my *handmaid's* sight. *Sandys.*
- By viewing nature, nature's *handmaid*, art,
Makes mighty things from small beginnings great;
Thus fishes first to shipping did impart,
Their tail the rudder, and their head the prow. *Dryden.*
- Since he had placed his heart up 't wisdom, health, wealth,
Victory and honour should always wait on her as her *handmaid*. *Addison's Guardian.*
- The great master will descend to hear
The humble series of his *handmaid's* care. *Prior.*
- Then criticism the muse's *handmaid* prov'd,
To dress her charms and make her more belov'd. *Pope.*
- HANDMILL.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *mill*.] A mill moved by the hand.
- Of the drudging ass is driv'n with toil;
Returning late, and laden home with gain
Of burred pitch, and *handmills* for the grain. *Dryd. Virg.*
- HANDS OFF.** A vulgar phrase for keep off; forbear.
- They cut a stag into parts; but as they were entering upon the dividend, *hands off*, says the lion. *LeStrange's Fables.*
- HANDSAILS.** *n. f.* Sails managed by the hand.
- The seamen will neither stand to their *handsails*, nor suffer the pilot to steer.
- HANDSAW.** *n. f.* Saw manageable by the hand.
- My buckler cut through and through, and my sword hack'd like a *handsaw*. *Shakel. Henry IV. p. i.*
- To perform this work it is necessary to be provided with a strong knife and a small *handsaw*. *Mortimer's Handbandy.*
- HANDSEL.** *n. f.* [*hanfel*, a first gift, Dutch.] The first act of using any thing; the first act of sale.
- The spoilt term it the pledge of our inheritance, and the *hanfel* or earnest of that which is to come. *Hooker.*
- Thou art joy's *handfel*; heav'n lies flat in thee,
Subject to ev'ry mounter's bended knee. *Herbert.*
- TO HANDSEL.** *v. a.* To use or do any thing the first time.
- In timorous deer he *handsel* his young paws,
And leaves the rugged bear for firmer claws. *Cowley.*
- I'd show you
How easy 'tis to die, by my example,
And *handsel* fate before you. *Dryden.*
- HANDSOME.**

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- HANDSOME.** *adj.* [*handfaem*, Dutch, ready, dexterous.]
1. Ready; gainly; convenient.
 2. Beautiful with dignity; graceful.
 3. Elegant; graceful.
 4. Ample; liberal: as, a *handsome* fortune.
 5. Generous; noble: as, a *handsome* action.
- TO HANDSOME.** *v. a.* [*from the adjective*.] To render elegant or neat.
- Him all repute
For his device in *handsome* a suit;
To judge of lace he hath the best conceit. *Donne.*
- HANDSOMELY.** *adv.* [*from handsome*.]
1. Conveniently; dexterously.
 2. Beautifully; gracefully.
 3. Elegantly; neatly.
 4. Liberally; generously.
- I am finding out a convenient place for an almshouse, which I intend to endow very *handsomely* for a dozen superannuated husbandmen. *Addison.*
- HANDSOMENESS.** *n. f.* [*from handsome*.] Beauty; grace; elegance.
- Accompanying her mourning garments with a doleful countenance, yet neither forgetting *handsomeness* in her mourning garments, nor forgetfulness in her doleful countenance. *Sidney.*
- For *handsomeness*' sake, it were good you hang the upper glass upon a nail. *Bacon's Natural History.*
- In cloath, cheap *handsomeness* doth bear the bell. *Herbert.*
- Persons of the fairer sex like that *handsomeness* for which they find themselves to be the most liked. *Boyle.*
- HANDVICE.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *vice*.] A vice to hold small work in. *Moxon's Mech. Exer.*
- HANDWRITING.** *n. f.* [*hand* and *writing*.] A cast or form of writing peculiar to each hand.
- That you beat me at the mart, I have your hand to show;
If the skin were parchment, and the blows you gave me ink,
Your own *handwriting* would tell you what I think. *Shak.*
- To no other cause than the wise providence of God can be referred the diversity of *handwriting*. *Cockburn.*
- HANDY.** *adj.* [*from hand*.]
1. Executed or performed by the hand.
 2. Proudly vaunting, that although they were but few, yet they would easily overthrow the great numbers of them, if ever they came to *handy* blows. *Kneller's Hist. of the Turks.*
 3. Ready; dexterous; skilful.
- Both parties now were drawn to close,
Almost to come to *handy* blows. *Hudibras, p. i. cant. 3.*
- She stript the stalks of all their leaves; the best
She cul'd, and them with *handy* care she dress'd. *Dryden.*
- The servants wash the platter, scour the plate;
And each is *handy* in his way. *Dryden.*
- TO HANG.** *v. a.* [*hangan*, Saxon.]
1. To suspend; to fasten in such a manner as to be sustained not below, but above.
 2. To place without any solid support.
 3. To choke and kill by suspending by the neck, so as that the ligature intercepts the breath and circulation.
- He hath commission from thy wife and me
To hang Cordelia in the prison. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*

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- Hanging* supposes human soul and reason;
This animal's below committing treason:
Shall he be *hang'd*, who never could rebel? *Dryden.*
- That's a preferment for Achitophel.
Virgil has described *hanging* more happily than Homer. *Brown's Notes on the Odyssey.*
4. To display; to show aloft.
 5. To let fall below the proper situation; to decline.
 6. To fix in such a manner as in some directions to be moveable.
 7. To adorn by hanging upon.
 8. To furnish with ornaments or draperies fastened to the wall.
 9. To drag; to be incommoiously joined.
 10. To be compact or united.
 11. To adhere.
- The beauties of this place should mourn;
Th' immortal fruits and flow'rs at my return
Should hang their wither'd head; for sure my breath
Is now more pois'nous. *Dryden's State of Innocence.*
- The rose is fragrant, but it fades in time;
The violet sweet, but quickly past the prime;
White lilies *hang* their heads, and soon decay;
And whiter snow in minutes melts away. *Dryden.*
- The cheerful birds no longer sing;
Each drops his head, and *hangs* his wing. *Prior.*
- Did grateful offerings on thy altars make,
Or I increas'd them with my silvan toils,
And *hang* thy holy roofs with savage spoils,
Give me to scatter these. *Dryden's EA.*
- Sir Roger has *hang* several parts of his house with the trophies of his labours. *Addison's Spectator.*
- TO HANG.** *v. n.*
1. To be suspended; to be supported above, not below.
 2. To depend; to fall loosely on the lower part; to dangle.
 3. To hang forward.
 4. To float; to play.
 5. To be supported by something raised above the ground.
 6. To rest upon by embracing.
 7. To hover; to impend.
 8. To be loosely joined.
 9. To drag; to be incommoiously joined.
 10. To be compact or united.
 11. To adhere.
- Over it a fair portcullis *hangs*,
Which to the gate directly did incline,
With comely compass and compacture strong. *Fairy Queen.*
- A tower full of ashes had a round instrument, which every side *hang'd* down. *2 Mac. xiii. 5.*
- Upon her shoulders wings she wears
Like *hanging* sleeves, lin'd through with ears. *Hudibras.*
- If gaming does an aged fire entice,
Then my young master swiftly learns the vice,
And shakes in *hanging* sleeves the little box and dice. *Dry.*
- By *hanging* is only meant a posture of hanging forward to strike the enemy. *Addison.*
- And fall these sayings from that gentle tongue,
Where civil speech and soft persuasion *hangs*. *Prior.*
- Whatever is placed on the head may be said to *hang*; as we call *hanging* gardens such as are planted on the top of the house. *Addison on Italy.*
- She *hangs* about my neck, and kifs on kifs
She vied. *Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew.*
- To-day might I, *hanging* on Hotspur's neck,
Have talk'd of Monmouth's grave. *Shakel. Henry IV.*
- Faulstina is described in the form of a lady sitting upon a bed, and two little infants *hanging* about her neck. *Peacocks.*
- With this strange virtue
He hath a heavenly gift of prophecy;
And sundry blessings *hang* about his throne,
That speak him full of grace. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
- Odious names of distinction, which had slept while the dread of popery *hangs* over us, were revived. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
- Whither go you?
—To see your wife: is she at home?
—Ay, and as idle as the may *hang* together, for want of company. *Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.*
- In my Lucia's absence
Life *hangs* upon me, and becomes a burden. *Addison's Cato.*
- In the common cause we are all of a piece; we *hang* together. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*
- Your device *hangs* very well together; but is it not liable to the same exceptions you made to such explications as have nothing but the writer's imagination to support them? *Addison.*
- A cheerful temper shines out in all her conversation, and dissipates